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1. A. Farnik, director general of the Baildon Steelworks at Stalinogrod (Katowice), 25X1 [redacted]

25X1 2. [redacted] the works were more up to date than the only other two steelworks in Poland which produce special steels they were not using high-frequency furnaces but arc furnaces, none of which had a capacity exceeding 30 tons. 25X1 [redacted] no one in Poland at the moment could produce high-frequency furnaces 25X1 [redacted] the one or two in use at the other two special steel works were of prewar German origin and therefore not very efficient.

25X1 3. [redacted] working toward a target of 200,000 tons of special 25X1 steels per year but [redacted] this target was not always reached.

25X1 4. [redacted] techniques used at the works [redacted] were working on the full range of four or five groups of special steels except those requiring 25X1 molybdenum, cobalt and nickel. [redacted] while molybdenum and nickel were in very short supply, cobalt was practically unobtainable.

5. One of the effects of these shortages [redacted] was a state bordering on chaos in the Polish chemical industry since Poland was producing no stainless steel needed for acid-resisting retorts and the like. They were therefore particularly anxious to buy stainless steel tubes abroad. 25X1

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